

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 20, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Tom Burnett (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch  
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 8, 3/13/2017; HB 9, 3/13/2017; HB 11, 3/13/2017

00:01:15 Chair Ballance

**HEARING ON HB 8**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:32 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 8, Renewable resource bonds and loans.

00:02:46 Rep. Cuffe

[EXHIBIT\(aph57b01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:46 Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:18 Rep. Cook

00:06:36 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:07:05 Rep. Cook

00:07:21 Rep. Cuffe

00:07:29 Anna Miller, DNRC

00:07:56 Rep. Cook

00:09:23 Anna Miller, DNRC

00:10:03 Rep. Ellis

00:10:34 Anna Miller, DNRC

00:11:36 Vice Chair Brodehl

00:14:00 Anna Miller, DNRC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:14:56 Rep. Keane

00:16:55 Rep. Cuffe

**HEARING ON HB 9**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:13 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 9, Cultural and aesthetic grants.

00:21:35 Rep. Cuffe

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:23:32 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:24:10 Vice Chair Brodehl

00:24:34 Rep. Cuffe

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:09 Rep. Woods

**HEARING ON HB 11**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:25:46 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 11, Treasure state endowment program.

00:26:30 Rep. Cuffe

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:29:10 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:29:47 Rep. Cook

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00:31:01 Rep. Cuffe

00:31:09 Rep. Cook

00:31:57 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:32:52 Rep. Cook

00:33:07 Rep. Cuffe

00:33:24 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:33:56 Rep. Cook

00:34:09 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:34:26 Rep. Glimm

00:34:44 Cathy Duncan, LFD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:35:11 Rep. Keane

00:37:46 Rep. Cuffe

00:39:12 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:39:46

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Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph57bad.pdf](#))**